

## The Extent of David's Kingdom

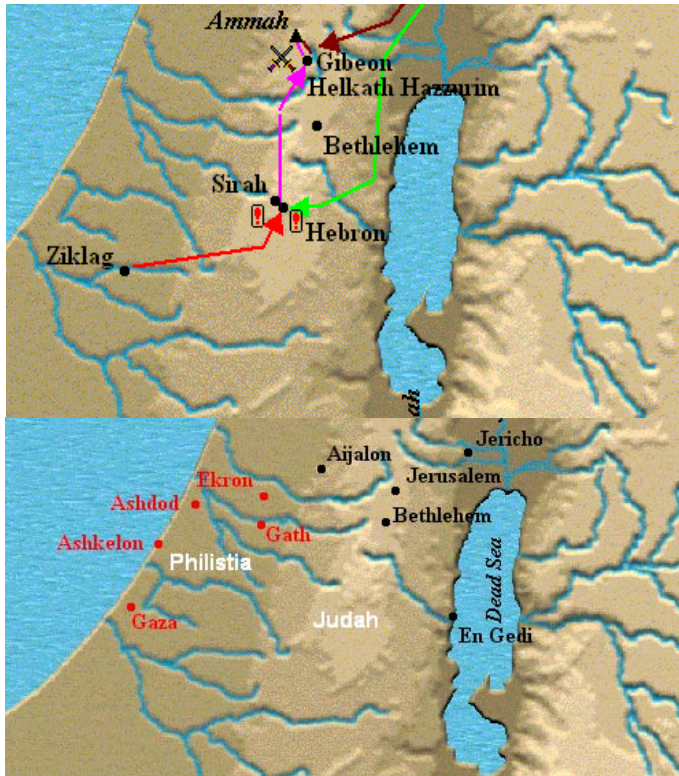
### 2 Sam 2-3

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Hebron: tribal boundary of Judah.

Judah: place of birth.

Family and friends lived there.



Judah free from Philistines

Saul's army? Most killed or abandoned ship.

#### 2 Sam 2:4

David 30 years old.

**Charles P. Schmitt**, *the men of Judah then came to Hebron to anoint David, now a full 30 years old, as the lion king of the tribe of Judah*

Fulfillment of messianic prophecy concerning Judah, lion's whelp:

Gen 49:10

Supporters of David all along.

High priest and prophet Gad gone to be with David.

Knew God given throne to David years previous.

Now, for first time, strong affirmation

of people of David's leadership.

3 outstanding demonstrations of Godly character in David

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2. Treatment of Abner
3. Relation to Ish-bosheth, King Saul's son.

#### 1. Response to Jabeshites immediately after descended to throne. 2:5-7

Praised predecessor!

Krummacher: *This mark of true piety toward the departed king, this honorable acknowledgment publicly paid to him, in spite of all the harshness of his treatment of David, could not but fill all who heard of it with a deep respect for the truly royal disposition of the new ruler."*

Prov 20:28

## 2. Response to Abner

### 2 Sam 2:8-11

Abner Saul's uncle and captain of armies.

Krummacher: ...a man of an intrepid, active, heroic nature, but also a man of unbounded ambition, had, with the bands which he had again gathered around him after the breaking-up of the army, gradually rescued from the Philistines a considerable part of those provinces which they had seized.

Pushing Ish-bosheth into leadership and opposing David.

Plans to attack Judah and begin civil war.

David sends Joab, chief captain, to meet Abner.

Pool of Gibeon

Abner's idea: decide outcome by battle of 12 men in single combat.

Joab agrees.

Combat ensues.

Both sides killed.

Place: Helkath-hazzurim, *field of swords, of the sharp knives*.

Abner escapes

Asahel, Joab's brother runs after him.

Abner smites him with spear, ... dead.

Joab and Abishai, brothers of Asahel, pursue Abner to kill him.

Joab calls his men off ... bury Asahel in Bethlehem.

Abner and men travel all night across Jordan to Mahanaim.

During battle Abner had 360 men killed; Joab lost 19.

Abner sends word to David--giving land of Israel to him.

Abner brings Michal back to David.

Abner accompanies Michal to Hebron and heads out to pursue elders of so-called kingdom of Ish-bosheth to turn allegiance to David.

**2 Sam 3:1-5** David's wives and sons in Hebron mentioned

David's family huge. Six children by six wives.

21 sons and one daughter.

Not including all concubines and their children.

### 2 Sam 3:6-8

Am I a dog's head—to be classified as being on Judah's side?

### 2 Sam 3:9

May God deal with me very severely if I don't facilitate God's will concerning David taking the kingdom.

### 2 Sam 3:10

Give over kingdom from Saul's reign to David

**2 Sam 3:11**

Ish-Bosheth not say another word to Abner, afraid of him.

Abner goes through the land of the Benjamites...tells them news.

Returns to Hebron with 20 men and announces to David that the crown is now his.

David elated ....calls for feast to be made for Abner ...

Abner leaves to announce to other districts that David is one they serve.

Joab returns to Hebron.

Becomes enraged. 2 Sam 3:24-25

David not respond.

Speaks of David's heart and humility.

*What hast thou done? What dumb thing have you done now?*

*Why is it that thou has sent him away, and he is quite gone? You failed to deal with situation.*

*Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee.*

You let people push you around.

*and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.* Abner using you.

Joab takes things into own hands.

**2 Sam 3:27-28** ...*Joab took him aside ... and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.*

Like Abner had done to his brother Asahel.

David issues curse toward Joab.

**2 Sam 3:29**

National mourning for Abner.

At grave he weeps.

Draws people to him...weep with him.

**2 Sam 3:38**

*Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?*

**3. Response to Ish-bosheth.**

Rimmon, Baanah and Rechab sneak into his presence and kill him.

Appear before David and show him their trophy.

**2 Sam 4:8- 12** *And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.*

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